



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MAY 08 2003

Daniel Thornton, Treasurer
Olmsted County Republican Committee
1530 Greenview Drive S.W. #114
Rochester, MN 55902

RE: MUR 5364

Dear Mr. Thornton,

On April 28, 2003, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Olmsted County RPM and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act."). See 2 U.S.C. § 433(a). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file as it pertains to the Committee and you, as treasurer. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The Commission reminds you that failing to register and report with the Commission is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434. You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn R. Jackson, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen L. Weintraub".

Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis

cc: Rod Grams

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

RESPONDENTS: Olmsted County Republican Committee, and
Daniel Thornton, as Treasurer

I. INTRODUCTION

The Commission audited Rod Grams for U.S. Senate and Christine Grams, as Treasurer, (the "Committee") pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 438(b). *See* Attachment 1.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Based on the factual and legal analysis contained in the audit referral, a copy of which is attached, the Respondent expended \$1,500 for contributions to the Committee during the 2000 Primary Election and failed to register and report with the Commission. The Commission found reason to believe that the Olmsted County Republican Committee, and Daniel Thornton, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433(a) and 434 by failing to register and report as a political committee.